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### Information Centers & Museums

#### **Thompson Island Information Center**

*Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Special Notes:* Open Seasonally. Park and Chamber information.

#### **Hulls Cove Visitor Center & Eastern National Bookstore**

*Entrance:* OK

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* OK

*Special Notes:* Follow signs which lead to accessible parking lot. Elevator to second floor. Cups available for water fountain. Open Mid-April-October.

#### **Sieur de Monts Nature Center**

*Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Special Notes:* Ramp at back door. Open June-September.

#### **Park Headquarters**

*Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* OK

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* OK

*Special Notes:* Open April 15 to Oct. M-F 8am-4:30pm; Nov. to April 15, Daily 8am-4:30pm.

#### **Islesford Historical Museum (On Little Cranberry Island)**

*Entrance:* X

*Parking:* None

*Rest Rooms:* OK

*Pay Phones:* None

*Water Fountain:* X

*Special Notes:* Access by boat. Restrooms in nearby building.

## Park Campgrounds

### **Blackwoods**

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Ranger Station:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Fire Grills:* Good

*Picnic Tables:* Good

*Amphitheater:* Good

There are 12 accessible drive-in campsites with paved walkways leading to fire grill, picnic table, water, restrooms and amphitheater. Register for campsite from your car window. (Reservations recommended May 1–October 31.) Call (877) 444-6777 (phone) or (877) 833-6777 (TTY) or register on-line at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

### **Seawall**

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Ranger Station:* Maybe with assistance

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Fire Grills:* Good

*Picnic Tables:* Good

*Amphitheater:* Good

Three RV sites, five drive-in, five walk-in, and one group site are accessible. Long paved walkway leads to amphitheater. All new restrooms are accessible. First come, first served.

## Museums on Mount Desert Island

*(privately operated—most seasonal)*

### **Abbe Museum (Sieur de Monts)**

*Main Entrance:* OK

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* None

*Pay Phones:* None

*Water Fountain:* No

*Special Notes:* Assistance may be needed for ascending steep paved trail to museum.

### **Abbe Museum (Bar Harbor)**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Special Notes:* Parking and access in rear.

### **George B. Dorr Natural History Museum (College of the Atlantic-Bar Harbor)**

*Main Entrance:* ?

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* None

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Special Notes:* Grade from parking area may require assistance

### **Great Harbor Museum (Northeast Harbor)**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Water Fountain:* None

*Special Notes:* Only bottom floor is accessible.

### **Mt. Desert Oceanarium (Southwest Harbor)**

*Main Entrance:* OK

*Parking:* OK

*Rest Rooms:* ?

*Pay Phones:* None

*Water Fountain:* X

*Special Notes:* One-inch curb at entrance.

Numerous hands-on exhibits. Phone available.

### **Wendell Gilley Museum (Southwest Harbor)**

*Main Entrance:* No

*Parking:* OK

*Rest Rooms:* OK

*Pay Phones:* OK

*Water Fountain:* None

*Special Notes:* Ramp to side entrance - may need assistance. Phone available.

### **Sound School House Museum (Mount Desert)**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* None

*Water Fountain:* None

*Special Notes:* None

## Picnic Areas

### **Bear Brook**

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Some level sites.

### **Fabbri**

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Paved walkway leads to accessible site.

### **Frazer Point (Schoodic)**

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Several level grassy sites.

### **Pretty Marsh**

*Overall Rating:* ?

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* None

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Rough terrain.

### **Seawall**

*Overall Rating:* OK

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* OK

*Water Fountain:* none

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Two designated accessible sites, others on uneven terrain.

### **Thompson Island**

*Overall Rating:* OK

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Fire Grill:* Good

*Picnic Table:* Good

*Special Notes:* Views of Thomas Bay. Assistance may be needed to shore.

## Beaches

### Echo Lake

*Overall Rating:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Changing Rooms:* Good

*Special Notes:* Accessible path to water.

### Sand Beach

*Overall Rating:* X

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Water Fountain:* Good

*Pay Phones:* Good

*Changing Rooms:* Good

*Special Notes:* 31 steps make the beach inaccessible.

### Ike's Point

*Overall Rating:* OK

*Parking:* OK

*Rest Rooms:* None

*Water Fountain:* None

*Pay Phones:* None

*Changing Rooms:* None

*Special Notes:* Small boat launch area.

## **Shops and Restaurants**

*(concession operated)*

### *shops*

#### **Cadillac Mountain**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* None

*Special Notes:* Open seasonally.

#### **Jordan Pond**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* None

*Pay Phones:* OK

*Special Notes:*

#### **Thunder Hole**

*Main Entrance:* ?

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* None

*Special Notes:* Chemical toilet.

### *Restaurants*

#### **Jordan Pond House**

*Main Entrance:* Good

*Parking:* Good

*Rest Rooms:* Good

*Pay Phones:* OK

*Special Notes:* Open seasonally.

## Ranger-Led Programs

Ranger-led activities are offered mid-May to mid-October. Accessible programs are listed in the park newspaper, *The Beaver Log*, available at any park information station. Also available at [www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad), or check with the park staff regarding details of specific programs.

### Hulls Cove Visitor Center Orientation Video

The park orientation program is captioned. Cassette receivers with descriptive narrative, French, or German translation are available at the information desk.

### Auto Tape Tour

A self-guided CD tour of the Park Loop Road, Cadillac Summit and Somes Sound may be purchased at the visitor center.

### Sign Language Interpreter

A certified sign language interpreter may be available for some interpretive programs with a two-week advanced notice. Service is dependent on availability of funds and interpreters. Phone (207) 288-8800 (TTY) or (207) 288-3338, ext. 0 (voice), for information.

### Personal Assistive Listening Devices

To improve hearing and understanding during park programs, personal assistive listening devices are available by advanced reservation for ranger-led programs. Phone (207) 288-8800 (TTY) or (207) 288-3338, ext. 0 (voice), for information.



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### **Trails**

#### **Sieur de Monts Spring Area**

Accessible parking is located near the Nature Center.

#### **Wild Gardens of Acadia**

Garden paths are a packed gravel-surfaced. Assistance may be helpful.

#### **Hemlock Road**

On the right as you enter the parking lot is a hard, gravel-surfaced abandoned road. The trail meanders through woodlands at the base of Dorr Mountain. (1.5 miles round trip). For the adventurous and hardy.

#### **Wonderland Trail**

Park in the Wonderland Parking lot, west of Seawall Campground on Route 102-A. Following an abandoned road, the trail has both level and hilly sections. It is generally hard-packed with some loose and rocky sections. In a mile, the trail leaves the woods and opens onto the shoreline at the tip of the Wonderland Peninsula. Assistance will be necessary in several places, but the view is worth the effort.

#### **Ship Harbor Trail**

Park in the Ship Harbor Parking lot, west of Seawall Campground on Route 102-A. First quarter mile of the trail is a hard packed surface leading to the mudflats. Access to intertidal pools is over rocky, uneven terrain.

#### **Man of War Brook Fire Road**

Park in the small unmarked gravel parking area on the east side of Route 102, one-eighth mile north of the larger paved Acadia Mountain parking area. Follow the abandoned road through a quiet, mixed growth woodland. The road is about one mile long. Beware of uphill and downhill grades, washouts, and exposed culverts. Assistance may be necessary

#### **Carroll Homestead—Self-Guided Trail**

Located on Rt. 102, one mile north of Southwest Harbor, this half mile self-guided trail leads around the grounds of the Carroll Homestead. The path is hard-packed but root-covered and uneven. Assistance may be necessary on path and grassy field near house. Accessible parking is available at end of the road adjacent to house. The self-guiding trail pamphlet is available on site or at the Visitor Center.

## Carriage Roads

Generally, the carriage road system offers the best access to many remote and scenic areas. The two easiest are listed below. Others tend to be steeper. Extended use of the carriage roads depends on your ability and endurance.

### **Eagle Lake**

Park at the Eagle Lake Parking lot on the north side of Route 233. North, the carriage roads lead towards Breakneck Ponds, Half Moon Pond, and Witch Hole Pond (round trip-5.3 miles). South, under the stone bridge, the carriage roads lead in two directions around Eagle Lake (round trip-6 miles). When following the carriage roads, be aware of washouts, steep grades, and bicycle traffic. Assistance may be helpful. Accessible parking and chemical toilets.

### **Bubble Pond**

From the parking area, follow the level trail to the north end of Bubble Pond. From here you have access to the carriage roads, one of which borders the pond. Accessible parking and chemical toilets.

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### Boat Cruises

*(privately operated)*

Park rangers narrate four privately operated boat cruises. Accessibility and prices vary. Boarding is easiest at high tide when the slopes of the boat ramps are less steep. Participants can remain in their wheelchairs. For reservations and questions about accessibility, contact the boat operator in advance.

Cruises focus on the natural and cultural history of Acadia National Park and the islands off the coast of Mount Desert Island. Trips vary in length from two to five hours. Most operate May through early October.

#### **Baker Island Cruise**

Cruise with a ranger for an intimate look at this ocean-sculpted island. The cruise is accessible, but disembarking on the island requires transfer to a smaller boat and is not possible for wheelchair users. Departs from Bar Harbor. Reservations: (207) 288-2386.

#### **Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise**

Cruise with a ranger among the islands of Frenchman Bay looking for wildlife. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard for exploration. Departs from Bar Harbor. Reservations: (207) 288-3483.

#### **Frenchman Bay Cruise**

Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Inquire about accessibility. Departs from Bar Harbor. Reservations: (207) 288-4585.

#### **Islesford Historical Cruise**

Search for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum. The boat cruise is accessible with assistance, but disembarking on the island would be difficult for wheelchair users. There are seven steps up to the museum. Departs from Northeast Harbor. Reservations: (207) 276-5352.

## Other Information

### Isle au Haut Ferry

Strips of wood running perpendicular to the ramp make it extremely difficult to unload at Isle au Haut Town Landing. There are no accessible campsites on Isle au Haut.

### Wildwood Stables

There are two wheelchair accessible horse-drawn carriages each of which accommodates two passengers using wheelchairs and several additional passengers. Ramp to office. Accessible parking and restrooms.

### Intertidal Zone

The best access to an intertidal zone is on the gravel bar between Bar Island and Bar Harbor at low tide. Automobiles may be driven onto the gravel bar. Access is via a rocky and uneven ramp on Bridge Street in Bar Harbor.

### Thunder Hole

Accessible parking in right hand lane of road or in the upper parking lot near restrooms or gift shop. Ramped walkway leads to a viewing area of Thunder Hole.

### America the Beautiful Interagency Access Pass

Free to U.S. citizens and permanent residents with disabilities. Provides entrance and half-price camping at most national parks, monuments, and federal recreation areas. You must have the pass before making camping reservations in order to receive the discount. Passes are available at the Park Headquarters, Hulls Cove Visitor Center, the Village Green, Entrance Station, and Blackwoods and Seawall campgrounds in Acadia or at any national park, national forest, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation areas.

### Public Transportation on Mount Desert Island

The Island Explorer free shuttle bus links Acadia National Park and neighboring village centers. There are two wheelchair spaces on each bus. Schedules are available at information centers or on the Island Explorer web site

### Emergency Phone Numbers

#### Park Rangers

Personal Injury or Property Damage (207) 288-3338 or 207-288-8800 (TTY)

#### Outside the Park

All of Mount Desert Island: 911

Bar Harbor Police: 288-3391

Southwest Harbor Police: 244-5552

Mount Desert Police: 276-5111 (TTY)

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April 15 through October 31, Monday-Friday, 8:00am–4:30pm; November to April 15, daily, 8am–4:30pm. (207) 288-3338 (voice)/(207) 288-8800 (TTY)

Acadia National Park is continually working to improve access for all visitors. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning access during your visit, please write:

Acadia National Park

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